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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tudan et al.

Serial No.: 09/852,424

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Title: CXCR4 ANTAGONIST

TREATMENT OF HEMATOPOIETIC

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Examiner: Sullivan, Daniel

Group Art Unit: 1636

February 20, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2003, with respect to the above-referenced application, and further to the telephone conference between the Examiner and Brian G. Kingwell, Registration No. 39,482, on February 13, 2004. The period of time for responding to the Office action was set to expire on January 20, 2004. The applicants petition herewith for a one month extension of time. The applicants also submit a Notice of Appeal herewith.

Applicants have considered each of the rejections raised and offer the following amendments and remarks in response. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.